

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them,
"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me."

MR 8:34



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 50:4c-9a James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

Readings Next Weekend:

Wis 2:12,17-20 James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37

Message from the Pastor

In today's Gospel we are given a clarification about Jesus and reminded of the necessity of the cross. First, note the **Confusion** as Jesus asks, "who do people say" he is. Many divergent answers come back, none of them correct. And thus we are taught that many views and opinions vie for our loyalty in this world and most of them are either outright wrong, or insufficient due to their incompleteness. Only the Lord can give us a complete and saving vision for our life. Next, note the **Confession** of Peter. Graced by God, Peter is given the capacity to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ: that Jesus is Lord and Messiah, the Son of the living God. Faith is granted here, but faith must seek understanding, and Peter and the others who receive this proclamation of the truth must come to a deeper appreciation of Jesus and the need for the Cross. Thus, the next stage is that Jesus gives a **Clarification**, indicating that though he is Messiah and Lord, he must suffer, die and rise. Shocked by this, Peter and the others react negatively. This leads the Lord to utter the **Command** about the cross. In effect he teaches, "No Cross, No crown."

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Sunday, September 12 *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00am Deacon Joseph Curtis Sr. †
 9:30am Deacon Frank Brown †
 11:00am Gary McPherson Jr. †
 7:00pm Kenneth Louis (*birthday*) †
Monday, September 13 *St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Dr of the Church*
 8:00am Louis George Butler †
Tuesday, September 14 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
 7:00am Sr. Katherine Kase, CSC †
Wednesday, September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*
 7:00am For the People
Thursday, September 16 *Sts. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bp, Martyrs*
 7:00am Jacqueline Addison (*birthday*)
Friday, September 17 *St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Dr of the Church*
 7:00am James A. Hill (*birthday*) †
Saturday, September 18
 8:00am Jeffrey Link †
 4:30pm Anthony Owens (*birthday*)

UPDATE ON MASS INTENTIONS: The norm in the Archdiocese of Washington is that persons submitting a Mass intention make a sacrificial donation of \$10 per intention. Our parish has been suggesting a donation of \$5 per intention but we would like to begin operating under the norm of the diocese. **As of September 5th** the requested (not required) donation is \$10 per mass intention.

DAILY READINGS

MONDAY 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 7:1-10
TUESDAY Numbers 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 John 3:13-17
WEDNESDAY 1 Timothy 3:14-16 John 19:25-27
THURSDAY 1 Timothy 4:12-16 Luke 7:36-50
FRIDAY 1 Timothy 6:2c-12 Luke 8:1-3
SATURDAY 1 Timothy 6:13-16 Luke 8:4-15

Stay Connected



Visit our parish website (hcschurch.org) for updates from the pastor and events in the parish. Here are other ways to stay in touch:

Subscribe to Flocknote by texting "HCSC" to 84576 or visit <https://hcschurch.flocknote.com/> to receive emails with updates from the parish such as bulletins, recorded mass links, and homily notes. It's **FREE** and easy!

Download the **MyParishApp** onto your mobile device to stay in touch with what's happening at our parish. To get the app: visit your app store (*available for Android & Apple phones*). Turn on your notifications after you download so you can receive updates and information.

And, follow us on social media (**Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube**). Make sure you stay connected!

Mass Attendance—September 5, 2021

4:30pm	30
8:00am	66
9:30am	45
11:00am	100
7:00pm	<u>58</u>
Total:	299

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 Summer is almost over—have you made the switch to eGiving? It is a great way to support Holy Comforter–Saint Cyprian and grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can go online and set up your weekly tithes or make a one-time gift. Tithing electronically is **FREE, EASY, and CONVENIENT**, as your money will be automatically deducted each month for you. Sign up at faithdirect.net using our church **code DC59**, or pick up an enrollment form in the rear of the church. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks at pam@hcschurch.org or (202) 546-1885.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday (9/13) 7:00pm YAM Bible Study	Wednesday (9/15) 7:15pm Adult Bible Study
Tuesday (9/14) 11am Mass– Perpetual Profession	Friday (9/17) 6:00pm Confessions / Holy Hour

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE

NEXT SUNDAY: HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION: There will be only **ONE** morning Mass on **Sun., Sept. 19th at 10am** to celebrate the Feast of Saint Cyprian. We will still have the 4:30pm vigil Mass on Saturday, and the 7pm Mass on Sunday. Our guest celebrant will be **Fr. Robert P. Boxie, III** (a native of Lake Charles, Louisiana who is the Catholic chaplain at Howard University and the priest-in-residence at Immaculate Conception Church). **Reception for all on the Church grounds following the Mass!**



LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH by enrolling in Catholic education classes (RCIA) which begin **Sunday, September 26th at 9:30am** in the rectory basement. These classes provide adults the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith. Although these classes are especially designed for non-Catholics who are considering becoming Catholic, they are also a wonderful opportunity for adult Catholics who missed receiving one or more of the sacraments, or who may be returning to the Church after a long absence. If interested, contact Liz Butler at ebutler717@gmail.com or (301) 379-5266.



SUNDAY SCHOOL 2021—22 for Pre-K through 12th grade will begin on **September 26, 2021**. Our program provides ALL youth with the authentic teaching of the Catholic faith and includes those youth who need their Sacraments. For information, contact Shirley Austin, Minister of Religious Education, at mre@hscchurch.org or (202) 368-7231. Visit hscchurch.org for more information.



COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

UPDATE: As of July 31, 2021, the DC Mayor reinstated the indoor mask mandate. Our church will remain open with the following protocol:

- ◆ Everyone who enters the church or rectory buildings, even if you have been fully vaccinated, are **required to wear a mask** or covering. If you do not have one, please see an usher.
- ◆ To allow for some social distancing, every other pew will remain roped-off until further notice.
- ◆ Automatic hand sanitizing units will remain available in the rear.
- ◆ Sanitizing of minister's hands will remain in place for safe reception of Holy Communion.

LIFTING OF THE DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS: On June 26, 2021, Cardinal Gregory and the Diocesan Bishops of the Province of Baltimore jointly announced that the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation has been lifted. We gladly welcome you back to Mass!



SAVE THE DATE: 32nd Annual East of the River Revival—Mon., Oct. 4th at 7pm. This is a live and virtual event held at St. Luke Catholic Church, WDC. **Revivalist:** Fr. Robert Boxie. **Theme:** *In the Midst of it All*. See flyer in the rear of the church for links and details.

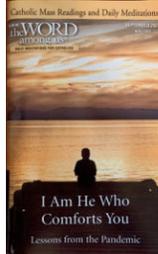


THANK YOU: Our parish is so grateful for the works of our **Knights of Columbus**. They not only help with repairs at the convent but they help around the parish by cutting the grass and many other tasks.

Interested in learning more about the Knights? Contact James Mazol at james.mazol@gmail.com



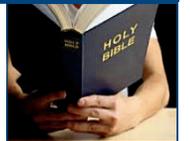
TRY OUR TIME-OUT TUNNEL: Coming to Mass with little children can be a challenge, especially when they become restless. At times like these, try our time-out tunnel! In the vestibule (rear) of the church, we have benches for you to sit, speakers so that Mass can be heard and a little more room to attend to your children. It's great to have so many young children in the church but if you or they need a time-out, please try our time-out tunnel!



THE WORD AMONG US: The **September issue** is available in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office. **COST: \$2** each. This monthly publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace, encouragement to read the Word of God, and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. *Limited supply!*

HCSC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

OUR YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 7pm via Zoom OR in-person in the rectory basement**. Join other young adults with Msgr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. To receive the ZOOM link: subscribe to the YAM Bible Study on Flocknote at hscchurch.flocknote.com. We ask you to RSVP if you are attending in-person. We are studying **SONG OF SONGS**.



Bible Study everyone is welcome. Join Msgr. Pope for **Wednesday Evening Bible Study via Zoom at 7:15pm**. To receive the Zoom link via email, subscribe to Wednesday Night Bible Study on Flocknote at hscchurch.flocknote.com. We are studying the **BOOK OF BARUCH**.

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Mass Times: **Saturday** 8am & 4:30pm (vigil);
Sunday 8am, 9:30am 11am and 7pm;
Weekdays Mon—Fri: 7am (8am on holidays)

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am—6pm
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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In Celebration of The Feast Day of Saint Cyprian

(actual feast date: September 16th)

&

128th Anniversary of Saint Cyprian's Parish

1893–2021

*'This is Our Story. This is
Our Song.'*

Parish-wide Celebration of Mass

(One Mass Only)

Sunday, September 19, 2021

10:00 AM

Guest Homilist: Fr. Robert P. Boxie, III

(No 8:00AM or 9:30AM on Sunday)
(4:30PM Mass on Saturday & 7:00PM
on Sunday will be held)



Parish Feast Day Celebration

Sunday, September 19, 2021

following the 10:00AM liturgy outside
the church on the plaza and grounds

*Food, drinks and games for
the entire family!*



Artistic Rendition of Saint Cyprian of Carthage

*"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the
earth, where moth and rust do corrupt, and where
thieves break through and steal. But lay up for
yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth
nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not
break through nor steal. For where thy treasure is,
there will thy heart be also."*

Saint Cyprian of Carthage





MEET THE GUEST HOMILIST: Father Robert P. Boxie, III

Fr. Robert P. Boxie, III, a native of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is the chaplain at Howard University and the priest-in-residence at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church. He had been the parochial vicar at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Largo, Maryland since July 2017, and was ordained to the priesthood in June 2016 for the Archdiocese of Washington. After graduating from Vanderbilt University, with a degree in chemical engineering and a second major in music, he worked a year abroad in France teaching English as a language assistant at a French high school. Upon returning to the United States, he enrolled at Harvard Law school and graduated in 2007, after which he landed a federal clerkship at the federal court in Greenbelt, Maryland. He then worked for a couple of years at a law firm in Washington, D.C., all while discerning seminary and priesthood. With much prayer and discernment and with the assistance of good spiritual advisors, he decided to enter seminary for the Archdiocese of Washington, beginning his seminary studies in philosophy at Theological College at the Catholic University of America. Thereafter, he was sent to continue his theological studies in Rome at the Pontifical North American College and the Gregorian University and completed his degrees in the summer of 2017. Fr. Boxie is an avid runner, tennis player, and a classical music junkie. He also enjoys going to the gym, traveling, reading, sacred art, and spending time with family and friends.

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